

MINUTES
MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF FUNERAL SERVICE
BOARD MEETING
April 15, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order @ 9:05 am by Jeffrey O'Keefe, Board Chairman, at the Board's office, located at 3010 Lakeland Cove Ste W, Flowood, Mississippi.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeffrey O'Keefe
Kimberly Bedford
David Ray
Keith Dean
Sammy Reed
Max Wells

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Della Smith, Executive Director
Edward Wiggins, Board Attorney
Henry Glaze, Inspector/Investigator
Don Blackwell, Inspector/Investigator
Larry Duncan, Inspector/Investigator
Other interested parties

SPECIAL ELECTION

Mr. Jeffrey O'Keefe requested nominations for Secretary. Nomination was made for Mr. Sammy Reed. Mr. David Ray made the motion to elect Sammy Reed as Secretary. Ms. Kimberly Bedford seconded the motion. Motion carried. Vote for: Bedford, Ray, Dean, Reed and Wells Against: none; Absent: None

MINUTES APPROVAL

Ms. Kimberly Bedford made the motion to accept the Minutes from the January 11, 2021 and January 15, 2021 meetings. Mr. Sammy Reed seconded the motion. Motion carried. Vote for: Bedford, Ray, Dean, Reed and Wells Against: none; Absent: None

ESTABLISHMENT INTERVIEWS

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The Board interviewed the following establishments as required by 73.11.55(6).

Seven Oaks Funeral Home and Cremation Services Inc (FE-9828)
Foster and Son Funeral Home LLC (FE-9829)
New Era Family Funeral Home (FE-9832)
New Era Family Funeral Home (BE-9836)

LICENSE REINSTATEMENT

The Board considered the request to reinstate the license for Lamar Randle (FS-0925).

Mr. Sammy Reed made the motion to enter into Executive Session in accordance with the Mississippi Open Meeting Act to consider the license reinstatement of Lamar Randle (FS-0925) that could result in an appeal of the Board's decision. Ms. Kimberly Bedford seconded and the vote passed unanimously.

Ms. Kimberly Bedford made the motion to resume open session and the Board Chairman would deliver the Board's Determination. Mr. Keith Dean seconded. Motion carried. Vote for: Bedford, Ray, Dean, Reed and Wells Against: none; Absent: None

Determination: To reinstate.

Ms. Keith Dean made the motion reinstate license FS-0925. Mr. Sammy Reed seconded. Motion carried. Vote for: Bedford, Ray, Dean, Reed and Wells Against: none; Absent: None

LICENSING

Mr. Sammy Reed made the motion to approve all licenses issued. Ms. Kimberly Bedford seconded the motion. Motion carried. Vote for: Bedford, Ray, Dean, Reed and Wells Against: none; Absent: None

BOARD STAFF REPORT

Report was presented by Della Smith, Executive Director. Mr. Jeffrey O'Keefe the report includes outstanding fines and disciplinary issues.

NEW BUSINESS

Della Smith and Jeffrey O'Keefe provided comments on the 117th National Conference.

The Board considered bids for the inspector/investigator contracts.

Mr. David Ray made the motion to enter into Executive Session to consider bids for the inspector/investigator contracts. Mr. Max Wells seconded and the vote passed unanimously.

Mr. David Ray made the motion to resume open session and the Board Chairman would deliver the Board's Determination. Ms. Kimberly Bedford seconded. Motion carried. Vote for: Bedford, Ray, Dean, Reed and Wells Against: none; Absent: None

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Determination: The contracts were awarded as follows:

District 1 – Henry Glaze

District 2 – Robert Blackwell

District 3 – Larry Duncan

Mr. David Ray made the motion to award the contracts. Mr. Sammy Reed seconded. Motion carried.

Vote for: Bedford, Ray, Dean, Reed and Wells Against: none; Absent: None

Board staff announced that the Board is seeking recommendations to fill the Board member position for District 3 FS license. Resumes can be sent to the Board office by mail, fax, or email by April 30th.

Board staff asked the Board to review the current quarterly report for Resident trainees for updates.

Board staff will follow up at the next Board meeting for any changes.

COMPLAINTS

Complaint 174480516 Recommendation to dismiss, not under the Board's jurisdiction.

Mr. David Ray made the motion to dismiss. Ms. Kimberly Bedford seconded. Motion carried. Vote for:

Bedford, Ray, Dean, Reed and Wells Against: none; Absent: None

Complaint 1072102853 Recommendation to dismiss, no violation.

Mr. Sammy Reed made the motion to dismiss. Mr. Max Wells seconded. Motion carried. Vote for:

Bedford, Ray, Dean, Reed and Wells Against: none; Absent: None

Complaint 1072102834 Recommendation to dismiss, no violation.

Mr. Max Wells made the motion to dismiss. Mr. Keith Reed seconded. Motion carried. Vote for:

Bedford, Ray, Dean, Reed and Wells Against: none; Absent: None

Complaint 877375249 Recommendation to dismiss, outside of Board's jurisdiction.

Mr. Keith Dean made the motion to dismiss. Mr. Sammy Reed seconded. Motion carried. Vote for:

Bedford, Ray, Dean, Reed and Wells Against: none; Absent: None

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Jeffrey O'Keefe, Board Chairman, opened the floor for public comments or discussion. No comments or discussion were presented.

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ADJOURNMENT

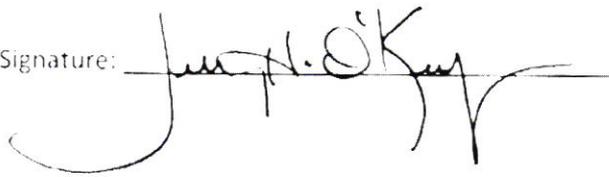
Mr. Keith Dean made the motion to adjourn.

Ms. Kimberly Bedford seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

Approval Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph O'Keefe", written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized with a large initial 'J' and a long horizontal stroke at the end.